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MEMORANDUM

To: Senior Environmental Protection Agency Officials
Senior State Environmental Officials

Subjects: FY 2000 Core Performance Measures (CPMs)
Addendum to the Joint Statement Under NEPPS

On behalf of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Environmental Council of the States (ECOS), we are pleased to transmit the FY 2000 Core Performance Measures (CPMs) and the Addendum to the Joint Statement on Measuring Progress under the National Environmental Performance Partnership System (NEPPS).

We have worked hard over the last year in a cooperative manner to develop a balanced set of Core Performance Measures that focuses more on measuring environmental results and less on program activities and outputs. We also have worked to reduce the set of CPMs closer to the minimum number necessary to effectively report on national environmental conditions and trends and on program performance. While both parties agree that efforts to improve the CPMs should continue, and in fact the original 1995 NEPPS Agreement envisioned an ongoing process of indicator development, we believe that the FY 2000 CPMs package represents significant progress in advancing the cause of environmental measurement for programs and issues of common interest to States and EPA.

At the same time that we have been working to improve the measures themselves, we have also been working to revise the Joint Statement on Measuring Progress under NEPPS in order to address and clarify the outstanding issues regarding the use and applicability of the CPMs. The Addendum to the Joint Statement represents the results of this good work and should provide valuable guidance to both EPA and the States. The signatures of Carol Browner, Peter Robertson, Chuck Fox, Linda Rimer, Robert Varney, Lewis Shaw and Langdon Marsh on the Addendum demonstrate the broad support among the leadership of EPA and ECOS for continuing and improving our joint efforts to implement the various elements of the National Environmental Performance Partnership System. We want to thank these individuals, their staffs, and the special efforts of Diane Regas and Langdon Marsh in helping to achieve another important milestone in our collaborative endeavors.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Peter D. Robertson".

Peter Robertson
Deputy Administrator
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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert W. Varney".

Bob Varney, President
Environmental Council of the States

Attachments